

Ottis Kesiah Hodge Byrd

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Interment

Druid Ridge Cemetery
7900 Park Heights Avenue
(Immediately following Service)



Acknowledgement

The family gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during its hour of bereavement. It was:

✕ God's Design

Philosophers may reason why
But I won't take the time;
I only know I'm here on earth
Because of God's Design;
So I will just continue on
And do the best I can,
And know that God will do the rest
Because He made the Plan.

— Ed Kane

A Service of Triumph

In Loving Memory of



Ottris Kesiah Hodge Byrd

1923 – 1995

Saturday, December 30, 1995

Wake: 11:30 a.m.

Funeral: 12:00 noon

In the Chapel of

March Funeral Home – West

4300 Wabash Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland

Obituary

OTTRIS KESIAH HODGE BYRD, daughter of the late Lewis and Connie Hodge, was born on June 5, 1923 in Halifax County, Virginia. She departed this life on December 25, 1995 after a lengthy illness.

She graduated from Halifax Training School (Presently, Halifax Senior High School) and the Community College of Baltimore located in Maryland. She was certified and employed as a Financial Aid Counselor at Coppin State College until retirement.

She married the late John Byrd on October 10, 1942. To this union, three sons were born.

Ottris made numerous friends wherever she went and will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew her. She was devoted to her family and friends.

She leaves to mourn: three sons, John A. Byrd, Donald L. Byrd and Abdus S. Rashid; six grandchildren, Angela Allen, John A. Byrd Jr., Nadine Edwards, Kenneth M. Byrd, Tyree Byrd and Nuriddin I. Rashid; three great-grandchildren, Keiona Byrd and April and Aaric Allen; five sisters, Sylvia Irby of New Jersey, Vernell Richardson of Michigan, Catherine Brown of Pennsylvania and Louise Wilkinson and Lula May Daniels of Maryland; three brothers, Lewis N. Hodge of Pennsylvania, John A. Hodge of Virginia and Franklin D. Hodge of North Carolina; three daughters-in-law, seven sister-in-laws; four brothers-in-law, one step-uncle and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She believed that the simplicity of life was the beacon with which man was destined to find happiness, contentment and peace. She passed on her dignity of spirit and goodness of heart to all who knew and loved her. She had a thirst for life and spent each day searching for knowledge. Reality was her philosophy. She did not reason the why of God's design. She believed that if she did her best, God would do the rest.

Order of Service

PRELUDE Organist

SCRIPTURE — 23rd Psalm

HYMN Alonzo Jones

SCRIPTURE — St. John 14: 1-6

PRAYER Rev. Aggie Brown

SELECTION "Troubles Of The World" Rev. Ernest Fowler

REMARKS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Clinton Thomas

POEM ... "When All Is Done" by Paul Laurence Dunbar ... Angela Byrd-Allen
Kenneth Byrd

OBITUARY Hillary Moffatt

SELECTION "Going Up Yonder" Caroline Allen

EULOGY Rev. Aggie Brown

BENEDICTION